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July, 1947.

To:-

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of  
Basingstoke.

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1946.

Yours faithfully,

M. AVENT,

Medical Officer of Health.

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STATISTICS

1.

(a) POPULATION - Registrar General's Estimate.....15,850

(b) BIRTHS:-

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
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Live..	295	148	147}
			Birth Rate.....20.2
Illegitimate..	25	12	13}
			England & Wales....19.1

Still.....	7	4	3...
			Rate per 1,000 Births-
			20

(c) DEATHS:-

	166	82	84}
			Death Rate.....10.5
			England & Wales....11.5

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year, per 1,000 Live Births..17  
England & Wales.....43

Deaths from:-

Measles.....	0
Whooping Cough.....	0
Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)...	0
Cancer.....	26
Heart & Arterial Diseases.....	50
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	6
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	1
Suicide and Violence.....	11







2.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

Notifications Received:-

Diphtheria.....3  
Scarlet Fever.....12  
Whooping Cough.....63  
Measles.....3  
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....3  
Pneumonia.....6  
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....13  
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....3

The Town was again fortunate in having a small amount of Infectious Disease, most of which was of a mild nature.

3.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL

(a) Admissions:-

	<u>S.F.</u>	<u>Diph.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Borough.....	1	2	3
Basingstoke Rural District....	2	-	2
Kingsclere & Whitechurch R.D....	-	1	1

In addition, 2 Cases of Scarlet Fever were admitted to Aldershot Isolation Hospital, because this Hospital was unable to admit cases owing to lack of Staff.

(b) General:-

The difficulties of staffing the Hospital continued; the engagement of part-time Staff is being tried as an experiment.

4.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Number of Children who have completed treatment....245  
Under 5 years.....216  
5 years and under 15 years.....29  
In addition, 9 children, previously immunised, were given "re-inforcing" injections.

5.

WATER SUPPLY

The Water Supply of the Town has been analysed regularly and frequently and the Analyst's Reports shew that chemically and bacteriologically it is a very satisfactory supply.  
Only a very small number of houses have a private independent supply and are not connected to the main.

6.

HOUSING

On the 31st. December 1946, the following number of new dwelling-houses had been completed during 1945 & 1946 :-

Permanent	{ Council Owned.....32
	{ Including 4 Bungalows for Aged Persons )
Prefabricated Bungalows	{ Privately Owned.....14
	{ Council Owned.....50

In addition, during 1946, 20 Huts at "Oakridge Camp" and 2 at Skippetts Lane, had been occupied and placed under the Council's administration.







(A)

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD1...MILK

Forty-nine (49) Samples of "Pasteurised" Milk have been taken during the year. Of these, 48 Samples proved to be satisfactory; the remaining 1 Sample was found to be not efficiently pasteurised. 16 Samples of Ordinary Raw Milk were also taken; 13 Samples proved to be satisfactory, whilst the remaining 3 shewed evidence of B.Coli. Unsatisfactory Samples are followed up.

2...MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

511 visits have been made to the Slaughterhouse and other Food Premises during the year, and 4,878 carcasses have been inspected. In all, 3 tons. 5 cwts. 2 qtrs. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs. of food have been condemned as unfit for human consumption. This weight does not include canned and packeted foods not usually sold by weight.

Condemned:-

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number Killed.....	12	39	1,379	3,238	210	4,878
Number Inspected.....	12	39	1,379	3,238	210	4,878

All Diseases exceptTuberculosis:-

Whole Carcasses condemned....	2	1	4	5	10	22
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.....	2	16	3	31	6	58
Percentage Diseased.....	33.3	43.6	0.50	1.1	7.6	1.64

Tuberculosis:-

Whole Carcasses condemned....	6	-	-	-	-	6
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.....	1	9	-	-	2	12
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis.....	8.3	38.4	-	-	0.95	0.36

3...NOTICES

247 Notices (Written and Verbal) were served during the year.

4...COMPLAINTS

337 Complaints have been received and dealt with.

5...RODENT CONTROL

Owing to the resignation of the Rodent Officer in February, the work of Rodent Control has since been carried out by 1 Operative only. 1,934 visits were made in connection with baiting and poisoning at rat-and mouse-infested premises







## 6...FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Owing to a depleted Staff during seven months of the year, it was not found possible to carry out a systematic inspection of Factories, &c.

66 visits however were made to certain premises when the necessity arose, and in this connection the following defects were detected and remedied :-

Premises cleansed.....9  
Walls, floors, roofs &c.  
    repaired.....2

W.C's:

    Insufficient.....2  
    Unsuitable or defective.....2

(B)

### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

#### 7...TABLE I

#### (a) CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF PREMISES INSPECTED

Inspections under the Housing & Public Health Acts.....	445
Works in Progress.....	83
Re-inspections.....	302
Visits to Slaughterhouse.....	228
Food Premises.....	283
Stable Premises.....	5
In connection with Infectious Diseases.....	11
Public Conveniences.....	44
Shops Acts.....	35
Rats and Mice Destruction Act.....	80
Overcrowding.....	2
Water-courses.....	44
Petroleum Act.....	16
Factories Act.....	66
Cowsheds and Dairies.....	45
Marine Stores.....	4
Schools.....	1
Common Lodging House.....	7
Tents, Vans and Sheds.....	10
Places of Amusement.....	5
Ice Cream Premises.....	14
Interviews.....	238
Miscellaneous Visits.....	156
Total.....	2124
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(b)

#### DRAINAGE

Water Tests Applied.....	5
Coloured Water Tests Applied...	9
Smoke Tests Applied.....	2
Systems Exposed.....	1

(c)

#### INFECTED ROOMS AND ARTICLES

Rooms Disinfected.....	17
Books Disinfected.....	41
Bedding Disinfected.....	3 Lots
Bedding, &c.Destroyed.....	2 Lots

(d)

#### INFESTATION

Rooms Disinfested.....	45
Bedding, &c.Destroyed.....	2 Lots







DEFECTIVE CONDITIONS REMEDIED

<u>Water Supply</u>	Fittings repaired, &c.....	24
<u>Water Closets</u>	Reconstructed or new provided.....	2
	New pans fixed.....	26
	Defective flush pipes repaired.....	11
	Cisterns repaired or renewed.....	35
	Walls, floors, roofs, etc.repaired.....	32
<u>Drains</u>	Reconstructed.....	2
	Repaired.....	4
	Cleansed.....	26
	New gullies provided.....	5
	Cesspools cleansed or repaired.....	1
<u>Manholes</u>	New provided.....	4
	Repaired or renewed.....	6
<u>Soil Pipes &amp; Ventilation Shafts</u>	New provided.....	1
	Repaired or renewed.....	1
<u>Sinks, Baths, etc. and Waste Pipes</u>	New sinks provided.....	11
	Waste pipes repaired.....	5
	Waste pipes renewed.....	4
	Waste pipes trapped.....	6
<u>Dustbins</u>	New bins provided.....	50
<u>Dampness</u>	Roofs repaired.....	27
	Gutters and rain-water pipes repaired.....	19
	External walls pointed or repaired.....	10
	Floor cavity ventilated.....	1
<u>General</u>	Walls and ceilings repaired.....	38
	Rooms cleansed.....	26
	Verminous rooms cleansed.....	45
	Windows and doors repaired, etc.....	18
	Windows made to open.....	1
	Floors repaired.....	22
	Stairs repaired.....	1
	Stoves repaired.....	14
	Coppers repaired.....	2
	Defective and smoky chimneys remedied.....	7
	Accumulations removed.....	15
<u>Other Matters</u>	Cowsheds, Dairies cleansed, etc.....	1
	Shop premises cleansed.....	9
	Animals improperly kept (Remedied).....	6
	Yards cleansed.....	1
	Water-courses cleansed.....	8
	Urinals repaired and cleansed.....	3

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Wm. J. TILEY,

Borough Sanitary Inspector



